

LAWN MAINTENANCE

- Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers can get blown into waterways, which can lead to algae growth and dead spots.
- Slow release and phosphorous free fertilizers shall be used to minimize contamination of stormwater.
- The best time to use these products is in the fall (dry season).
- Don't use on hard surfaces.
- Use non-water soluble products

DISPOSAL OF POOL WATER

- First dechlorinate the water and bring the pH to neutral (6-8).
- Drain your swimming pool slowly.
- Drain onto lawn, to allow the soil to act as a natural filter.
- If you have a salt water pool, drain in increments and pour fresh water onto the lawn after draining.

OUR COMMUNITY CARES

Our community cares about clean water and is doing its part to help prevent water pollution in local waterways. This outreach message helps our community meet US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements to share pollution prevention information with its residents.



STORMWATER INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES



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ON-SITE INFILTRATION BENEFITS

- Runoff receives treatment, to help filter out chemicals, bacteria, and debris, instead of entering surface waters.
- Slows down runoff reducing erosion.
- Helps preserve water quality, aquatic habitat, and organisms.
- Prevents contaminated water from flowing to another watershed area.

MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

- Direct water to more permeable areas.
- Detain water to allow infiltration.
- Intercept and hold rainwater.
- Keep up with maintenance activities like mowing and inspections after rain events.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- Cover and contain housekeeping operations, to prevent chemicals from entering storm drains.
- Store chemicals under a cover when not in use or during rain.
- Clean up spills.
- Collect water from pressure washing or cleaning paint brushes to dispose to a sanitary sewer.

MANAGE PARKING LOT SURFACES

- Sweep parking lot and dispose of debris
- Plant greenery around parking lot.

PROPER CAR CARE ACTIVITIES

When cars are washed on paved surfaces, the excess water sheet flows to the nearest catch basin. The water then carries the soap chemicals, metals, oils, and other contaminants that are washed off your car directly into Merrimack's water bodies.

- Work on cars in a maintained area
- Wash the car on the lawn or gravel.
- Direct excess water towards grass or other permeable surfaces and avoid drain.
- Use a commercial car wash.

ICE PREVENTION MATERIALS

- Minimize use of salt or de-icing materials and store salt on a solid surface and covered, where it will be protected from precipitation.

PROPER STORAGE OF MATERIALS

- Store where spills can be prevented and rain will not disperse the material

MANAGEMENT OF WASTE MATERIALS IN DUMPSTERS

- Cover dumpster and make sure there are no leaks or spills. Do not throw away hazardous waste, liquids, or mercury products etc.